

Washington, **Apr 8** - U.S. Congressman Mike Pence has become a co-sponsor of two pieces of legislation designed to bring more

transparency and accountability to government:

[H.R. 1207](#), the "Federal Reserve Transparency Act" would eliminate restrictions on General Accounting Office (GAO) audits of the Federal Reserve. This would bring added transparency and allow for greater public scrutiny of the way the Fed operates.

[H.Res. 272](#) would provide more accountability in the budget process by striking a rule (Rule XXVIII, also known as the "Gephardt Rule") which currently allows for the statutory debt limit to be raised by simply adopting the budget resolution, avoiding a separate, public vote. By eliminating this avenue of quietly raising our national debt, this provision will increase transparency and accountability in the budget process by showing the American people where their elected Representatives stand on government spending.

"Hoosiers deserve to know how their tax dollars are being spent; they are rising to meet these difficult and challenging economic times with frugality, sacrifice and restraint, and Washington should do the same. These provisions take important steps toward increasing the transparency and accountability that all Americans should expect from their government," Pence said.